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United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF ROAD INQUIRY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

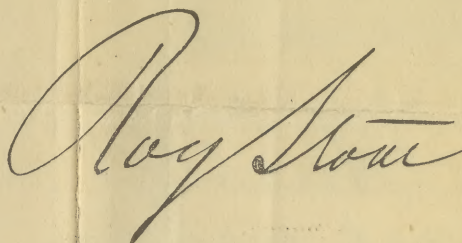
July 11, 1894.

TO STATISTICAL CORRESPONDENTS:

The Secretary of Agriculture desires to ascertain the number of miles of public road in the United States, and the length, kind, and location of those roads (not including city or village streets) which have been macadamized or systematically improved by the use of stone, gravel, shells, sand, clay, slag, plank, or other materials.

Will you please fill out the blanks below, sign, and return in the inclosed envelope, which requires no postage.

Respectfully,



Special Agent and Engineer in charge of Road Inquiry.

NOTE.—Under "Kind of Road" write macadam, telford, gravel, shell, plank, slag, sand on clay, clay on sand, etc. Under "Direction," write easterly, southeasterly, northwest, etc. Enter all unfinished roads as "In Progress," with same particulars as if completed.

State of Iowa, County Chickasaw

Total length of public roads of all kinds, including toll roads, 930 miles.

Toll Roads.

KIND OF ROAD AS IMPROVED.	FROM.	DIRECTION.	TO OR TOWARD.	LENGTH. (miles).
Roads in Chickasaw county, Iowa, with a few exceptions, run East and West, and North and South, and generally on section lines, of the U. S. surveys.				
About 450 miles run East and West, and 480 miles run North and South.				
Thus far in Chickasaw county, Iowa, the Roads have only been improved by building Bridges across streams and ploughs, and by Turnpiking, or grading with soil, clay, sand and gravel, with whichever is the most convenient to the needed improvement. No Macadam has been used here, as yet.				
In dry seasons, or dry weather, our Roads are tolerable good, but in wet seasons, or wet weather, many of the roads are horrible, while some of them are impassable.				

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